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SUBJECT: FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW OF FY1975 COMMERCIAL ACTION

PROGRAM (CAP)

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1. POST SUBMITTED GENERAL REVIEW OF CAP IN QUARTERLY ECON-OMIC SUMMARY (PARAMARIBO A-47). HOWEVERGN AS REVIEW MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DETAILED ENOUGH FOR PURPOSES OF WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF, POST IS SUBMITTINO ADDITIONAL DATA HEREWITH. IN THE FUTURE MORE DETAILED REVIEW FORMAT WILL BE INCORPORATED IN

QUARTERLY SUMMARIES.

2. STATUS OF CAMPAIGNS: CAMPAIGN NO. 1 (RICE MILLING AND STORAGE EQUIPMENT). ACTION 1: COMPLETED. POTENTIAL IMPORTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND MANY OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES PERSONALLY CONTACTED, BOTH IN PARAMARIBO AND NICKERIE. NO DISCRIMINATORY RESTRAINTS ON US IMPORTS OF RICE MILLING EQUIPMENT WERE FOUND. A VOLUNTARY ADS, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY FIRST OF OCTOBER UNDER ACTION 2, HAS SLIPPED BUT WILL BE SUBMITTED BEFORE END NOVEMBER. RE ACTION 3, SEVERAL TOP'S FOR MILLING EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BEFORE AND

AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD. POST PLANS TO DROP ACTION 4 FROM CAP FOR LACK OF TIME AND PERSONNEL AND ACTION 6 BECAUSE IT DEVELOPED THAT TOO FEW IMPORTANT RICE MILLERS ARE LOCATED IN PARAMARIBO TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTION WORTHWHILE. MAILINGS, UNDER ACTION 5, ARE CONTINUING AS MATERIALS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED. POST LETTERS TO AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BROUGHT SMALL BUT STEADY FLOW OF MATERIALS. OTHER CAP CAMPAIGNS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SUBSEQUENT QUARTERLY SUMMARIES.

- 3. OTHER COMMERCIAL WORKLOAD DURING FIRST QUARTER: PRIVATE TOHGJS 16; SPECIAL TOP'S 8; AGRI TOPS 5; WTDR'S 12; US VISITORS APPROX. 10; LOCAL MISITORS APPROX. 25.
- 4. AS NOTED IN A-47, RISING REPORTING WORKLOAD HAS NECESSITATED

SLOWDOWN AND MORE SELECTIVITY IN EXECUTION OF CAP.
THIS IS REGRETTABLE BUT UNAVOIDABLE GIVEN THE LIMITED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE IN PARAMARIBO. NEVERTHELESS, TRADE PROMOTION

CONTINUES TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT SHARE OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL STAFF TIME AND ATTENTION AND DRASTIC REDUCTION IN CAP I

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